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Inventor(s):
Cassiday et al.

Title: HIGH PERFORMANCE
TRANSMISSION LINK
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Assignee has reviewed the assignment documents that evidence the placement of title in the assignee, true and correct copies of which are attached hereto, and understands and believes that these assignment documents have been submitted for recordation in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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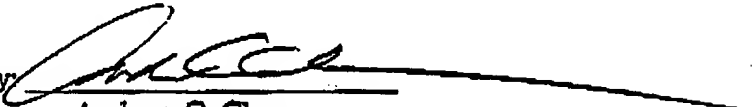
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APPENDIX A

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95900	P4883	F 2/20/01	09/788,867	Fault-Tolerant Assembly of Printed Circuit Board	Kim, Cook
96100	P5302	5/22/02	10/155,406	Method and Apparatus for Integration of URL Into Standard File System	Boubonnais
96200	P6940	F 12/14/01 I 4/20/04	10/021,984 6,723,915	EMI-Shielding Riser Card for a Computer Chassis	Radu, Brovald, Luckenbuhl
96400	P5326	10/25/00	09/697,731	Method for Superimposing a Sequence Number in an Error Detection Code in a Data Network	Cassiday, Rettberg, Satterfield, Moser
96500	P5328	F 10/25/00	09/697,730	High Performance Transmission Link and Interconnect	Cassiday, Satterfield
96600	P5329	F 10/25/00	09/697,663	Automatic Link Failover in Data Networks	Cassiday, Satterfield



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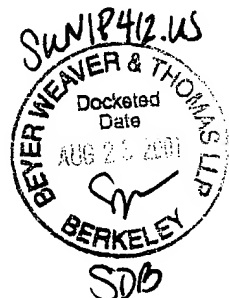
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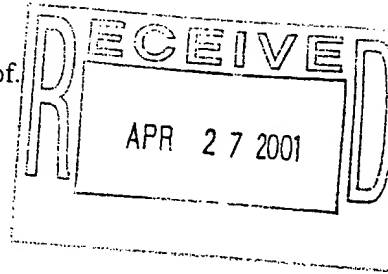
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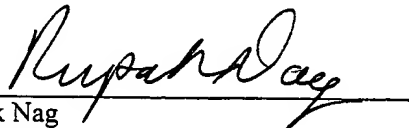
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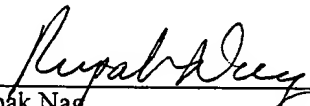
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HIGH PERFORMANCE TRANSMISSION LINK AND INTERCONNECT

for which I (we) have executed an application for a United States Letters Patent which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 25, 2000, and which bears the Application No. 09/697,730.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I/We the undersigned inventor(s) hereby:

1) Sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) to Sun Microsystems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, having a principal place of business at 901 San Antonio Rd., Palo Alto, California, 94303, (hereinafter referred to as ("ASSIGNEE"), the entire right title and interest in any and all improvements and inventions disclosed in, application(s) based upon, and Patent(s) (including foreign patents) granted upon the information which is disclosed in the above referenced application.

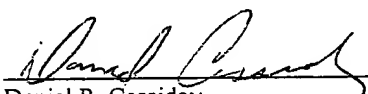
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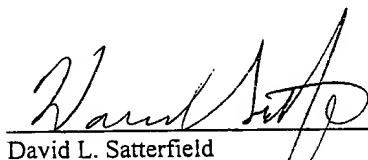
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